

Executive Committee Minutes
August 9, 2016—8:30-9:30 AM

Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM

Attendance: Liz Allen Fey, Renee Pratt, Wendell Segroves, Kirby Davis, Steven Samra,
Staff: Will Connelly, Judith Tackett, Lesley Head, Jessica Ivey, Zach Glendening, Lisa Ricketts,

Approval of Minutes

Wendell Segroves made motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2016, Steven Samra seconded.
All approve. Minutes approved at 8:38

Financial Report & Budget

Lisa Ricketts presented the financial documents. Last year's budget showed a shortfall, which Lisa said is covered and will be reflected in next year's budget

Governance Task Force

- Want to establish clear scope of responsibilities for governance task force to present at next commission meeting
 - Will Connelly will begin organizing this
 - Kirby Davis will run this in the absence of Chair
- Liz Allen Fey: What are our beliefs around homelessness? What are the necessary structures, processes, and relationships to be examined? What questions from this meeting need to be addressed in task force?
 - Relationship between MDHA and MHC
 - Mr. Connelly: Focus Strategies outlines clear relational structure between the two entities
 - Ms. Fey: This committee not charged with implementing Focus Strategies but with considering its recommendations
 - Steven Samra and Renee Pratt: important to establish leadership of CoC—MDHA or MHC?
 - Ms. Fey: MDHA says CoC is independent and that MDHA is only an administrator

Focus of the Commission meetings

- Ms. Fey would like to hear in meetings real stories from people who've been housed, says people who attend Commission meetings are becoming frustrated with meetings
 - Commission members leaving during meetings
- Renee Pratt: Need to show in meetings that Commissioners understand and value importance of partner organizations
- Mr. Davis: consider 15 minute break in middle of meetings so people can talk with Commissioners; Ms. Fey: provide 15 minutes at end as well
- Mr. Davis offers to underwrite snacks at future meetings

Further discussion on governance structure

- In previous meeting we accepted recommendation to adopt unified governance system.

- Mr. Davis recommendation: contact HUD to determine steps to form unified governance structure
 - Mr. Connelly: this should be done in first task force meeting with Jim Harbison in attendance
 - Ms. Fey prefers it on record to have *task force* make decision to contact HUD
- Ms. Fey: should make it clear that local funding hinges on participation in the unified CoC
 - Ms. Fey and Mr. Samra: should argue for unified governance structure within historical context
 - Mr. Samra: can we have a 1-page issue brief explaining historical context?
 - Ms. Fey: could this be shared with full Commission and not just Task Force?
 - Ms. Fey: Proposes that first Task Force meeting is (1) addressing questions above, (2) reviewing historical context for current issue, (3) reviewing bylaws, and (4) discussing Focus Strategies
 - Ms. Fey: Mayor Barry highly values collaboration on important city issues
 - How do we include as many stakeholders as possible into Task Force process and goals?
 - Mr. Connelly: An effective governance structure is designed to be inclusive of stakeholders
 - Mr. Connelly: Really wants to key in on Focus Strategies implementation steps and is worried not much will get done around them
 - Ms. Fey: Can we leverage Focus Strategies engage community stakeholders and get input into desired governance structure
 - Mr. Samra: Need stakeholders to understand and embrace change to new system. Need to convince them that change is in best interest of community and of clients
 - Mr. Connelly: Important to get high-level leadership and funders to understand and embrace system first
- Mr. Davis: will go to Jim Harbison to get three possible dates for Task Force meeting
- Ms. Fey: really wants to cultivate community beliefs about homelessness that everyone deserves a home
- Jessica Ivey: sets up an ultimate community vision to guide all intermediate actions
- Mr. Samra: need both bottom-up and top-down approaches
- Judith Tackett: at NAEH, became clear that Nashville isn't having hard conversations; However, we need a timeline of concrete actions so we don't get bogged down in philosophical conversations
- Ms. Fey: Asking for Task Force recommendations by November
- Ms. Fey: we should leave first Task Force meeting with three belief statements

Director's Report

- How's Nashville Updates
 - Need to house 580 people by end of year to meet 2016 by 2016 goal (approximately 70/month)
- Interdepartmental Council
 - Continuing to meet with Metro department heads to discuss intersection of homelessness with each department
 - Planning to meet quarterly
 - First meeting will focus on building encampment response protocol

- Ms. Fey: important to frame encampment not as homelessness issue but as city issue
- Wendell Segroves would like detailed reports from Council to ensure encampment discussion occurs

Staff Updates

- New staff member: Jessica Ivy, CES coordinator
- HOT—Homeless Outreach Team
 - Mr. Segroves: highly recommends Brittney Brown for staff
 - Mr. Connelly: currently reviewing applications
 - Team will be part of Metro's response to encampments

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 AM

Next Meetings

Sept. 2, 2016 at Howard Office Building in the Sonny West Conference Center:

- Executive Committee meeting at 9:00 AM
- Full Commission meeting at 9:30 AM